

**Island County Board of Health
Special Meeting - Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Minutes**

Members Present: Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, John Dean and Angie Homola; Captain James Thralls, MSC, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member; and Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner.

Call to Order: Chair Helen Price Johnson called this Special Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:08 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes or additions to the agenda. As this is a Special Session, only those items on the announced agenda may be discussed and/or acted upon at this session.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Special Meeting. Commissioner Dean moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Commissioner Homola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The Board has set this time for public input or comments. Because this is a Special Session of the Board of Health, only those items on the announced agenda may be acted upon by the Board. There was no public input.

Advisory Board and Community Agency Reports:

Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): David Macys, CHAB representative to the Board, presented an update on CHAB's current work on its priority health issues: (1) chronic disease and physical activity; and, (2) communicable disease. CHAB will be reviewing recent Island County health data from a national study of county health rankings published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Planning has begun on the next survey of the county population as part of the national and state-level BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System), tentatively planned for 2011. Partner agencies are being asked to fund the \$30,000 cost. CHAB hosted members of the Washington State legislative delegation at their December meeting to brief them on activities in Island County. CHAB has begun the process of soliciting nominees for the 2010 Linda Lee Martens Health Hero of Island County awards. This year's program will also incorporate awards from the Children's Commission. Awards will be presented by the Board of Health at a Special Session of the Board of Health in a joint meeting with the Community Health Advisory Board to be held on April 27, 2010. Sandy Ziemer has agreed to be a liaison between CHAB and the Children's Commission to ensure coordination of efforts.

Children's Commission: Janice O'Mahony presented an update on the work of the Children's Commission. She recognized Carol Stillian for her past service and also recognized Duane Gimbel and Sheriff Mark Brown in the audience at today's meeting. The Children's Commission currently has 19 members. Ms. O'Mahony updated the Board on the sub-committee work in: (1) School Age Advocacy and Connections; (2) Partners for Young Children; and, (3) Children's Health Issues. She advised that the Commission is determined to have a work plan where issues go on and issues go off and includes input from the public and from elected officials. She asked the Board to note that the Island County Youth Summit will be held on April 30th.

Presentation: H1N1 After Action Report

Keith Higman, Health Services Director, told the Board that part of the responsibility of receiving federal funds for the H1N1 response is to provide an after action report. A 3-week old Harvard School of Public Health survey has presented statistics that suggest some indicators for our community. The survey indicates that 59% of the public polled rated the public health H1N1 response as excellent or good; 44% believe the outbreak is over; 70% believe there is sufficient vaccine in their community; and, 76% saw advertising regarding the importance of getting the vaccine. Although statistics indicate that adults still have a great deal of aversion to vaccines, 53% of parents intend to get their children vaccinated. Children received their vaccinations at school (29%), from their health care provider (46%) and from a public health clinic (22%). Since early October, 21,400 doses of vaccine have been drop-shipped to various clinics around Island County and to our two hospitals, and over 16,700 doses of the H1N1 vaccine were administered to the community.

Island County chose a method of vaccine delivery to the community that relied heavily on community partners. Keith reviewed the After Action Report which includes a detailed evaluation of what went well and identifies what needs improvement with both the two mass vaccination clinics offered and with the overall H1N1 response effort in Island County.

Contracts:

Keith Higman presented the following contracts for consideration:

1. Washington State Department of Ecology – Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG)/Solid Waste Program
Contract No. G1000416
Contract Amount: \$ 75,952
2. Washington State Department of Ecology – Watershed Planning
Contract No. G0600084, Amendment No. 8
Contract Amount: \$ 444,444
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
3. Washington State Department of Ecology – WRIA 6 Education & Outreach
Contract No. G1000489
Contract Amount: \$ 30,000
4. Compass Health – HIV/AIDS Case Management
Contract No. HD-05-08, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ 28,500
Amendment Amount: \$ 10,500
5. Christopher Spitters MD – Medical Service Consultation 2010
Contract No. HD-14-09
Contract Amount: \$ 10,000
6. Snohomish Health District – 2010 Region 3 AIDS Service Network
Contract No. HD-03-10
Contract Amount: \$ 35,625
7. Bess Windecker Nelson PhD – Parent Educator Program
Contract No. HD-01-10
Contract Amount: \$ 16,000
8. Evergreen AIDS Foundation – HIV Medical Case Management
Work Order No. 09-01
Work Order Amount: \$ 13,405

Commissioner Dean moved that the contracts be approved as presented. Commissioner Homola seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Health Department Report: Keith Higman advised the Board that Aaron Henderson, Environmental Health Director, successfully competed for and was given one of 5 seats to attend a specialized food training class in Vancouver, Washington with all of his expenses paid. Additionally, Aaron was successful at competing for FDA surplus equipment and received two free used laptops that will be used, as required, in our food program.

Commissioner Price Johnson advised the Board that she had seen an article about a NACCHO proclamation promoting healthy counties and April being designated as Healthy Counties month.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting to be held on March 15, 2010.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 15th day of March 2010
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Helen Price Johnson, Board Chair